

**Federal Aviation Administration****Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; All-Weather Operations Working Group**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of All-Weather Operations Working Group.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of the establishment of an All-Weather Operations Working Group by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of the ARAC.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) (56 FR 2190, January 22, 1991; and 58 FR 9230, February 19, 1993). One area that the ARAC deals with is air carrier operations. Other working groups in this area have dealt with issues such as autopilot takeoff minimum altitudes, fuel requirements, controlled rest on the flight deck, noise abatement, and flight crewmember flight/rest/duty requirements. The All-Weather Operations Working Group is being established to pursue the elimination of differences between the Joint Aviation Authorities' and the FAA's regulations and advisory materials in areas such as certification criteria and operational authority and criteria. The All-Weather Working Group will forward recommendations to the ARAC, which will then determine whether to forward them to the FAA.

Specifically, the Working Group's task is as follows:

To review and revise FAA advisory material associated with the certification and operational approval for all-weather operations, in particular lower weather minimums, in conjunction with the FAA/JAA harmonization work program.

A recommendation in the form of an Advisory Circular, or rulemaking, as appropriate, must be submitted in a format prescribed by the FAA. Other recommendations may be submitted in a format appropriate to the recommendation. All recommendations should be fully justified, and the justification should be submitted as part of the recommendation.

The Working Group should recommend time line(s) for completion of the task, including the rationale, for consideration at the meeting of the ARAC to consider air carrier operations issues held following publication of this notice.

The Working Group will give a status report on the task at each meeting of the ARAC held to consider air carrier operations issues.

The All-Weather Working Group will be comprised of experts from those organizations having an interest in the tasks assigned. A Working Group member need not necessarily be a representative of one of the member organizations of the ARAC. An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the Working Group should write the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and the expertise he or she would bring to the Working Group. The request will be reviewed with the ARAC Assistant Chair for Air Carrier Operations and the Chair of the All-Weather Working Group, and the individual will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation of use of the ARAC are necessary in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties of the FAA by law. Meetings of the ARAC to consider air carrier operations issues will be open to the public except as authorized by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meetings of the All Weather Working Group will not be open to the public except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of Working Group meetings will be made.

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